Amendments to the Claims

This claim listing replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently amended) A method of accelerating the start of growth of quiescent follicles in non-menopausal women comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a medicament comprising a somatostatin antagonist analog having the general formula (III)

$$A^1\text{-cyclo}\{\text{D-Cys-}A^2\text{-D-Trp-}A^3\text{-}A^4\text{-Cys}\}\text{-}A^5\text{-}Y^1 \quad \text{(III)}$$

in which:

A^1 is an optionally substituted aromatic α-amino acid;

A^2 is an optionally substituted aromatic α-amino acid;

A^3 is Dab, Dap, Lys, or Orn;

A^4 is β-Hydroxyvaline, Ser, Hser, or Thr;

A^5 is an optionally substituted aromatic D- or L- α-amino acid; and

Y^1 is OH, NH_2 or NHR^1, R^1 is $(C_{1\text{-}6})$alkyl;

each aromatic α-amino acid being optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from a halogen atom, NO_2, OH, CN, $(C_{1\text{-}6})$ alkyl, $(C_{2\text{-}6})$ alkenyl, $(C_{2\text{-}6})$ alkynyl, $(C_{1\text{-}6})$ alkoxy, Bzl, O-Bzl or NR^9R^{10}, wherein R^9 and R^{10} are each independently H, O, or $(C_{1\text{-}6})$ alkyl; and

each nitrogen atom of a peptide amide bond and the amino group of A^1 are optionally substituted with a methyl group, with the proviso that there is at least one said methyl group in a peptide of general formula (**III**);

~~the~~ **or a** pharmaceutically acceptable ~~salts~~ **salt** or protected ~~forms~~ **form** ~~of said peptides~~ , or **a** ~~combinations~~ **combination** thereof.

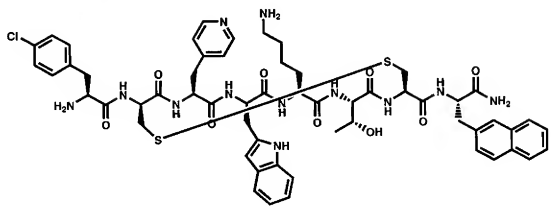
15. (Cancelled).

16-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein A^1 is Cpa, A^2 is Pal, A^3 is Lys, A^4 is Thr, and A^5 is Nal.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the somatostatin antagonist **analog** is Cpa-cyclo(DCys-3-Pal-DTrp-NMeLys-Thr-Cys)-2-Nal-NH_2.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the somatostatin antagonist ~~analogue~~ **analog** is:



22. (Currently amended) A method of accelerating the start of growth of quiescent follicles in non-menopausal women comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a medicament

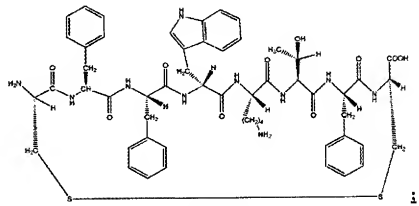
comprising a somatostatin antagonist analog ~~comprising~~ **selected from the group consisting of**:

~~the following peptides:~~

- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys- Pal-D- Trp-N-Me-Lys- Thr-Cys]-D-Trp-NH_2;
- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys- Tyr-D-Trp- N-Me-Lys-Thr-Cys]-Nal-NH_2;
- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys-Pal-D- Trp- N-Me-Lys-Thr-Cys]- Nal-NH_2;

~~the peptide~~ acctyl-D-His-D-Phe-D-Ilc-D-Arg-D-Trp-D-Phe-NH_2~~(code name AC-178,335)~~;

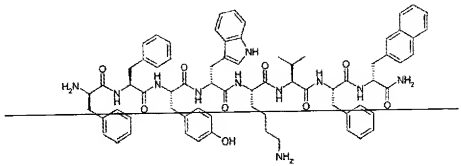
~~the octapeptide of the following structure (code name ODN-8);~~



~~ODN-8~~

~~the peptide~~ Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys]Cpa-amide ~~(code name SB-710411)~~;

~~the peptide of the following structure (code name BIM-23056);~~



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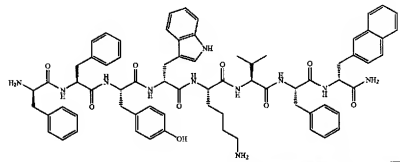
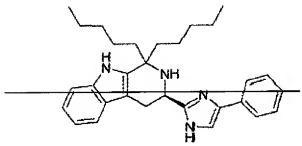


~~the compound of the following structure (code name BN-81674);~~



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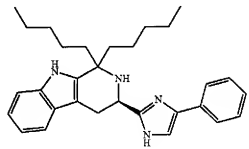
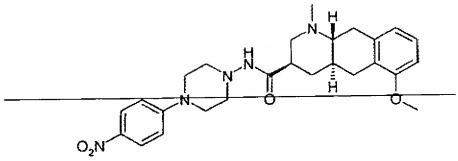


~~the compound of the following structure (code name SRA-880);~~ **and**



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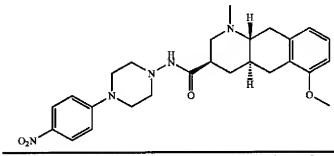

or ~~their~~ **a** pharmaceutically acceptable ~~salts~~ **salt** or protected ~~forms~~**form**, or **a combination**~~combinations~~ thereof.